

SSAC Pickleball - Code of Conduct (January 2022)

Health

- Do not come to play if you feel ill in any way.
- Follow the current COVID Protocol.

Treat all players with courtesy and respect.

- Follow the instructions of your coach if there is one present.
- Wear clothing that is suitable for playing sports and is inoffensive.
- Avoid the use of profanity and inappropriate personal comments.
- Offer suggestions to your partner off the court and not while playing a game.
- As a spectator, do not make line calls, call other infractions or critique players on the court.
- You may politely inform a player of rule or safety infractions at any time.
- Do not hit the ball hard or in the direction of someone in a manner that could cause injury.
- Return the ball to an opponent by hitting it to them over the net.
- Call “**ball**” loudly when the ball from one game enters an adjacent court and return the ball to the serving player when possible.
- Immediately stop playing when you hear “**ball**” and replay the serve.
- Do not enter the other court to retrieve a ball. Let the other court’s players return it to you.
- Never enter the other court to play a ball. You may request a replay if you believe the ball was playable.
- Do not celebrate points excessively or degrade the opposition or your partner when they miss a shot.
- Rotate on and off the court in such a manner that everyone has equal playing time.
- Stop playing when your session time ends even if you are in the middle of a game.

Treat the facility and equipment with care.

- Wear clean court shoes that will not mark the floor.
- Treat the nets carefully as they are susceptible to damage.

Know and follow the rules of the game.

- Players are expected to make all the line calls on their side of the court.
- Opponents should be asked for their opinion on a line call if they have a better view.
- If an opponent’s opinion on a line call is requested, their decision must be accepted.
- If a team cannot decide on a line call, then the benefit always goes to the opponent.
- There are no replays for line calls and calls must be accepted without argument.

Scoring

- Announce all numbers of the score loudly and clearly before starting the service motion. If this is not done, play should be stopped by the receiving player for clarification by the serving player.
- Rally point scoring will be used for all games.
- When there are more than 12 players all games will stop at 15 points.

Repeated violations of the Code of Conduct can result in a suspension from the pickleball program and/or a cancellation of a player’s SSAC membership.